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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k W/h		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended(f)	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86—															1985-86—	
September	28,609	43.2	10,201	10,225	44,821	41,899	582	591	512	523	38.1	35.1	193	170	October 19	11,986
October		42.6	10,210	10,272	43,559	43,074	589	590	570	531	42.1	35.8	222	176	November 16	12,658
November		38.0	9,725	10,289	38,917	41,232	578	606	517	483	34.5	32.5	195	165	December 14	13,217
December	22,554	38.1	9,698	10,432	35,237	41,674	561	561	457	473	25.6	29.9	154	162	January 11	3,135
January		34.4	9,846	10,536	33,473	41,714	592	589	336	500	12.9	36.9	91	188	February 8	11,902
February		38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	March 5	9,850
March	r23,781	40.6	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	508	31.5	31.4	124	140	April 5	11,485
April		39.0	9,970	10,516	43,516	47,467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	May 3	10,738
May		40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 31	14,698
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	44,355	562	550	487	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	June 28	14,390
1986-87—															1986-87—	
July		31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	34.5	27.7	172	155	July 26	15,066
August		39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,413	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	August 23	15,385
September	22,949	39.7	10,645	10,638	45,705	42,525	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	September 20	15,101
October		38.3	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	563	561	534	495	29.9	25.6	r210	r166	October 18	14,652
November		n.y.a.	10,096	10,789	39,497	41,791	548	590	516	489	29.4	28.4	186	160	November 15	14,231

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.G.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R.G. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—															
September	3,491	3,180	793	841	13,495	12,700	166	162	425.5	652	492	107,228	81.2	40,577	40,355
October	3,338	3,245	908	749	16,157	13,977	195	168	426.1	787	498	117,674	75.8		
November	3,638	3,322	r1,062	r857	15,296	13,941	187	189	428.4	742	495	93,295	75.5	41,384	41,469
December	2,248	2,974	r682	r855	r10,829	r13,758	168	190	431.1	678	499	59,584	80.1		
January	1,291	4,235	r595	r894	r4,510	r11,537	180	196	434.4	604	519	46,464	75.9		
February	3,404	3,764	1,075	950	13,580	13,981	187	197	437.1	462	526	47,661	75.6	42,683	42,708
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	203	434.4	411	539	46,486	76.6		
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	202	431.8	312	504	46,365	77.9		
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	191	185	432.3	283	495	37,420	76.9	p42,357	p42,487
June	3,334	3,023	953	1,096	15,044	13,090	180	195	435.0	281	505	32,915	76.9		
1986-87—															
July	3,665	3,194	r1,133	r1,060	14,319	12,409	201	185	439.5	335	486	r51,900	79.5		
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,175	13,992	186	196	443.8	481	480	r91,603	82.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	3,137	2,807	974	967	15,195	14,062	199	191	p448.9	647	485	r116,870	r79.3		
October	r3,884	r5,575	r1,205	r1,024	r16,445	r13,915	217	195	p453.3	765	485	122,735	77.2		
November	3,091	3,034	922	767	16,323	15,466	195	202	n.y.a.	740	495	99,423	76.6		

(a) This index is on a 'net direct' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (£m)	Value of total imports (£m)	Value at average 1979-80 prices £m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions £m		Official reserve assets (£) £m
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
1983-84—									
October	2,993	3,133			225		-957	-1,661	12,775
November	2,867	2,675			218		-549	-1,016	12,636
December	2,685	2,844	5,825	5,835	218	146.6	-687	-1,141	12,216
January	3,111	3,272			234		-391	-1,036	12,133
February	2,617	2,625			225		-364	-683	12,815
March	2,684	2,684	6,192	5,515	227	146.0	-491	-1,409	12,811
April	2,418	2,961			228		-796	-1,345	12,553
May	2,725	2,742			228		-490	-1,046	12,504
June	2,633	2,736	5,671	5,324	234	140.8	-524	-1,033	13,074
1986-87—									
July	2,599	3,065			242		-658	-1,541	13,439
August	2,693	3,084			246		-786	-1,251	12,685
September	3,076	3,447	5,847	5,414	p246	p158.8	-1,428	-1,199	12,615
October	2,951	3,395			p245		-1,076	-1,833	13,316
November	2,672	p2,589			n.y.a.		-1,283	-1,094	15,146
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-32	-648	15,561

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics.

(b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to £A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (£m)

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices		Smoothed seas. adj.		Original		Original	
	Smoothed seas. adj.			Original		Original		Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Smoothed seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—											
September	3,909	4,283	4,283	8,115	8,443	1,271	1,337	429	491	42.6	44.8
October	4,385	4,333	4,327			1,387	1,347	487	496	45.2	43.8
November	4,573	4,353	4,362			1,389	1,358	536	500	46.5	47.7
December	5,875	4,399	p4,387	9,659	8,533	1,545	1,370	915	502	40.5	41.4
January	4,276	4,459	4,403			1,400	1,384	435	500	33.7	38.5
February	3,903	4,383	4,418			1,308	1,400	361	496	31.5	35.1
March	4,163	4,416	4,439	7,811	8,397	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.4
April	4,285	4,424	4,470			1,380	1,433	450	491	40.4	39.5
May	4,707	4,536	p4,512			1,471	1,448	578	494	36.3	33.8
June	4,197	4,590	p4,599	8,190	8,407	1,380	1,460	423	502	34.5	33.9
1986-87—											
July	4,477	4,589	4,604			1,456	1,469	503	511	37.0	33.6
August	4,439	4,653	4,639			1,448	1,475	441	r518	37.4	36.0
September	4,484	4,663	4,664	8,145	8,428	1,431	r1,479	506	r522	33.2	33.1
October	4,775	4,708	4,684			1,527	1,482	512	r525	r12.4	11.8
November	4,738	4,666	4,694			1,485	1,482	537	524	p28.7	p30.5

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (%)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1985-86—				208.4										
October	413.90	268.40	396.90	216.3	1.30									
November				216.3		147.1	143.2	138.1	152.2	149.3	153.8	162.8	130.2	127.6
December				216.3										
January				216.3										
February	422.70	276.40	404.20	216.3	1.25									
March				216.3		150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2
April				216.3										
May	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.3	1.23									
June				216.3		153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
1986-87—														
July				221.5										
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.5	1.16									
September				221.5		157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
October				221.5										
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	221.5	1.29									
December				n.y.a.		161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m)(b)				
										Materials used in building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery		
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—																
September	1,462.7	1,494.9	12.8	13.1	247.8	4,339.5	4,132.7	39.3	37.9	98.3	163.8		1,206	1,248	3,447	3,498
October	1,505.2	1,407.5	14.8	13.2	250.3					98.9	164.8					
November	1,552.1	1,470.7	12.7	12.4	252.5					99.4	166.3					
December	1,261.5	1,291.9	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,399.7	4,456.2	36.2	35.6	99.8	167.6		1,608	1,393	3,534	3,412
January	1,204.7	1,307.1	10.0	12.4	289.5					100.3	168.6					
February	1,086.9	1,244.9	10.0	10.9	158.4					100.6	170.0					
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,113.9	30.5	33.2	101.2	171.0		1,272	1,492	3,014	3,460
April	1,486.2	1,398.4	10.3	9.5	399.2					101.7	171.6					
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	324.6					101.9	172.5					
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,875.0	3,768.7	29.8	29.0	102.3	173.6		1,610	1,575	3,654	3,341
1986-87—																
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9					p102.6	p175.4					
August	1,457.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7					p103.2	p176.5					
September	1,288.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p104.1	p177.9		p1.747	p1.810	p3.536	p3.585
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8					p105.1	p178.8					
November	1,376.9	1,348.8	10.1	10.0	367.6					n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m		
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1965-66—											
October	39,414	39,498	42,842	42,871	37,255	36,851	727	266	117	15.05	4,399
November	39,279	39,497	43,239	43,327	37,960	37,906	620	260	119	15.55	5,655
December	39,710	39,200	44,055	43,650	38,944	38,772	545	209	96	15.65	5,609
January	39,104	38,805	43,660	43,582	38,469	38,857	545	150	100	14.65	5,738
February	39,738	39,014	43,800	43,786	38,970	39,577	521	156	101	14.15	5,631
March	39,316	39,175	44,549	44,459	39,823	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,007
April	40,354	41,141	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255
May	40,624	41,068	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243
1966-67—											
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	72	14.30	n.y.a.
November	44,395	44,575	43,682	43,801	42,818	42,761	816	164	64	14.25	n.y.a.
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44,533	43,822	43,558	43,364	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.05	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate basis.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(Bm)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1984-85— June	53,213	54,858	1,257	2,353	51,956	52,505	32,681	33,158	9,681	9,280	9,358	8,843	5,415	4,416
1985-86— September	56,102	57,055	1,495	2,179	54,607	54,876	33,823	34,065	8,992	9,307	9,419	9,507	4,147	4,623
December	62,572	57,284	4,535	2,160	58,037	55,124	36,978	34,935	10,156	9,614	9,810	9,275	4,849	4,807
March	55,727	58,749	1,508	2,226	54,219	56,523	34,165	35,477	9,294	9,948	8,632	9,682	4,061	4,699
June	57,576	59,293	1,094	2,101	56,482	57,192	35,862	36,389	11,038	10,580	9,534	9,004	5,723	4,685
1986-87— September	60,459	61,176	1,715	2,338	58,744	58,838	37,304	37,528	10,001	10,357	9,377	9,494	4,731	5,294
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1984-85— June	33,638	35,003	1,422	2,245	32,216	32,758	20,704	20,984	6,064	5,808	5,958	5,614	3,247	2,648
1985-86— September	34,994	35,530	1,555	2,053	33,439	33,497	20,947	21,128	5,472	5,659	5,781	5,834	2,404	2,680
December	39,060	35,371	3,932	2,112	35,128	33,259	22,550	21,243	6,124	5,851	5,818	5,517	2,764	2,741
March	33,266	35,304	1,547	2,183	31,719	33,121	20,185	21,022	5,444	5,773	5,007	5,613	2,247	2,602
June	33,983	35,284	1,365	2,113	32,618	33,171	20,910	21,194	6,551	6,277	5,422	5,112	3,172	2,596
1986-87— September	34,953	35,361	1,673	2,126	33,280	33,235	21,121	21,272	5,722	5,919	5,183	5,243	2,528	2,831
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1984-85— June	10,804	10,768	9,995	9,736	6,529	6,667	11,178	12,993	28,398	28,308	-10	19,572	7,443	35,474
1985-86— September	11,886	11,230	9,756	9,727	7,718	7,640	13,186	13,432	28,225	28,705	136	18,233	7,239	39,041
December	11,589	11,810	9,485	9,562	7,582	6,812	16,845	13,648	31,153	29,670	3,049	20,791	7,341	47,470
March	10,974	11,502	9,728	9,992	6,247	6,957	12,964	14,162	29,293	30,649	19	18,868	7,547	39,198
June	10,994	10,958	9,184	8,954	6,719	6,845	12,816	14,686	31,195	31,096	-390	22,122	7,322	38,897
1986-87— September	12,398	11,699	9,818	9,758	7,275	7,194	14,978	15,110	31,385	31,753	214	20,992	7,248	43,729

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a) (PERSONS)

SURVEY OF JOB VACANCIES (b)

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent		Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1985—													
September	5,547.7	5,515.4	6,617.8	6,770.6	479.5	491.5	583.0	586.3	7.9	8.0	61.7	61.3	51.8
October	5,496.6	5,501.0	6,782.9	6,762.3	440.5	477.9	528.4	569.9	7.2	7.8	60.8	61.0	
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,890.5	6,848.5	439.5	475.8	537.0	582.9	7.2	7.8	61.7	61.7	
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,918.9	6,846.0	479.7	468.8	583.9	569.2	7.8	7.7	62.2	61.5	
1986—													
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,762.1	6,910.5	523.7	474.2	615.0	575.7	8.3	7.7	61.1	62.0	59.0
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,870.1	6,899.9	544.5	487.8	658.5	596.1	8.7	8.0	62.2	61.9	
March	5,638.5	5,618.8	6,961.4	6,917.6	501.6	475.2	634.6	590.3	8.4	7.9	62.7	61.9	
April	5,620.1	5,645.4	6,962.1	6,978.3	485.1	485.3	606.9	600.8	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.4	
May	5,615.8	5,627.5	6,944.5	6,939.8	483.3	485.8	592.2	589.5	7.9	7.8	62.0	61.9	54.4
June	5,634.9	5,656.9	6,972.7	6,978.8	457.0	469.6	561.9	575.9	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	
July	5,631.2	5,617.7	6,958.4	6,943.1	490.9	520.9	594.2	632.5	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1	
August	5,624.4	5,639.8	6,885.7	6,934.1	490.7	506.8	595.6	626.9	8.0	8.3	61.2	61.8	
September	5,666.9	5,633.8	7,007.6	6,958.6	517.6	530.0	631.6	634.1	8.3	8.4	62.4	62.0	48.6
October	5,661.9	5,666.3	7,000.3	6,979.5	485.9	527.2	590.1	636.7	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.0	
November	5,647.6	5,648.1	7,006.9	6,962.1	489.1	529.3	583.3	632.7	7.7	8.3	61.7	61.7	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a) PERSONS ('000)

Month	Australia													Total
	Government													
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	State(b)	Local	Total	
1985—														
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6	5,369.7
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0	5,387.5
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,678.0	429.9	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4	5,391.5
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8	5,475.1
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.5	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5	5,517.9
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,803.9	432.9	1,119.1	154.9	1,706.9	5,510.8
1986—														
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2
April	1,909.4	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	592.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,903.2	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,926.8	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,948.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,937.3	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,925.2	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,927.2	1,567.2	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,151.2	157.2	1,748.0	5,601.5

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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